

## **TRAINING DIVISION**

**The Terre Haute Fire Department Training Division is dedicated to meeting the needs of a complex and dynamic fire service by providing programs of the highest quality. We continually strive to provide the best and most updated training and education for its members and the community. The Training Division's objectives and goals are:**

**-To provide training programs designed to develop the basic and advanced skills necessary for students to be more effective members of the fire service.**

**-To provide the best instruction and training possible in all areas of the fire service.**

**-To serve the public at large by providing educational services and training.**

**-To provide firefighters the ability to meet professional qualification standards for promotion.**

**The Terre Haute Fire Department is comprised of 145 members who are highly trained in firefighting skills as well as specialty areas such as:**

**-Heavy Rescue,**

**-Ice and swift water rescue,**

**-High angle rope rescue,**

**-Hazardous Materials & Weapons of Mass Destruction response,**

**-EMS from the First Responder up to the Paramedic level.**

**In Early 2006 The Terre Haute Fire Department was named as the future site of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's Region 7 Training Academy. Phase one of the academy's master plan is to construct a nearly 6000 square foot training tower and drill area. This building is being built by Fire Facilities Inc. and will be the largest pre-manufactured steel training tower in the state. Situated on over 10 acres of land in central Vigo County, this training facility will allow not only fire service personnel but also police, sheriff, and military to have a place to train in west central Indiana. Because of the large amount of land available it allows future growth as needed.**

**Phase two of the project will be an approximately 8000 square foot classroom building that will also serve as an Emergency Operations Center for Vigo County Emergency Management. This state of the art class room building will have an amphitheatre classroom with several smaller "break out" rooms that will accommodate nearly any emergency and will also**

**serve as a 70 seat lecture hall with multiple screens and a cutting edge multimedia system.**

**In 2005 the Terre Haute Training Division conducted over 9771 hours of instruction in classes ranging from basic recruit classes to some of the most advanced Hazardous Materials training. Continuous training is held at all levels with in-service to provide the citizens of our City with the best Fire and EMS service possible.**



**The person pictured is: Training Director Norm Loudermilk**